

# German spy ring passed NATO plan

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BONN, West Germany — West Germany's defense minister said yesterday that NATO was forced to change some of its plans for the defense of western Europe following the discovery of another spy ring passing top-secret military documents to the East Germans.

Defense Minister Georg Leber also told a news conference that he believes the West German armed forces are still riddled with spies.

"I must assume spies still are operating in the armed forces," Leber said.

West German security officials have estimated that between 8000 and 10,000 spies are operating in West Germany.

Officials said the latest scandal — cracked last year with the arrest of a pretty ex-East German waitress-turned-master spy, her husband and a male friend — dwarfed the damage done by Guenther Guillaume, the spy whose discovery forced the resignation

of Willy Brandt as chancellor three years ago.

Leber announced the suspension of a Defense Ministry department head pending an investigation of negligence charges.

He also ordered a probe to find the ministry source who leaked the spy scandal story to a West German newspaper, the Frankfurter Allgemeine, which disclosed it on Monday.

Leber said the source would be prosecuted for treason along with the alleged spies, Renate Lutze, her husband Lothar Erwin Lutze and a friend of the couple, Juergen Wiegel.

Officials said the spy ring smuggled about 1000 secret documents to East Germany before its discovery.

They included plans for a West German military alert, reports on NATO maneuvers, NATO logistic plans, civilian evacuation plans, mobilization plans and tank development plans.